

JUDICIAL PROFILE

Dean W. Trebesch was appointed to Superior Court in December 2000, bringing to the bench his expertise and experience of nearly 20 years of defense work. He began his legal career in 1975 when he joined the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office as a trial lawyer. From 1981 to 1987 he served as the Maricopa County Public Fiduciary. He was the court-appointed guardian/conservator for mentally incapacitated individuals and was the personal representative for decedent's estates. In 1987 he became the Chief Public Defender supervising more than 220 lawyers who represent indigent clients in felony criminal cases, juvenile delinquency proceedings and civil mental health commitments. He served as Chief Public Defender until his judicial appointment. He currently is assigned to the Family Court Department of Superior Court.

Judge Trebesch earned his undergraduate degree in political science from Arizona State University in 1972 and his law degree from the Arizona State University College of Law in 1975. He received the Distinguished Public Lawyer of the Year Award



in 1994 from the Maricopa County Bar Association. He was a member of the National Legal Aid and Defender's Association and the Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice. He served on the board of directors of the Tempe Boys and Girls Club and served on the board of the Central Arizona United Cerebral Palsy Association. He also was a member of the Phoenix Rotary 100 Club for many years.